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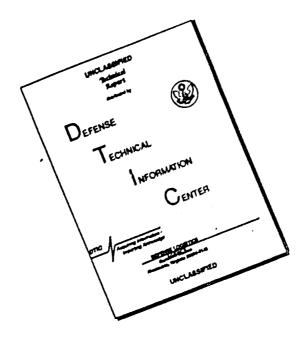
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TEST OF TRAILER, CARGO: 1/4-ton, 2-wheel,

XM416E1

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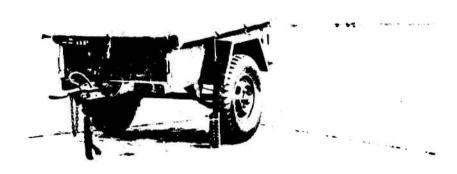
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#### ABSTRACT

The XM416El trailer was tested to determine its compatibility with the M151 truck and its durability. The trailer was towed 6479 miles on various test courses by an M151 truck. Observations were made of the performance of the trailer, and of the ability of the M151 truck to tow the trailer. The trailer was proved to be compatible with the M151 truck. Deficiencies in general were minor in nature. Most difficulty was experienced with wear of suspension components. It is recommended that upon correction of the deficiencies listed, the trailer be considered acceptable for military use.

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TRAILER, CARGO: 1/4-ton, 2-wheel, XM416El

COMFONENTS: Brakes: Hand operated parking	Ground Clearance 10 in. Tread:52-3/4 in.
Suspension: Leaf spring Tires: 7.00x16, 6 ply rating	PRIME MOVER: TRUCK, UTILITY: 1 ton, 4x4, M151
DIMENSIONS:	MIDI
Overall:	, ma cumo.
Length: 111-3/4 in.	WEIGHTS: Empty: 625 lb.
Width 60-3/4 in. Height 43-1/4 in.	Empty: CZJ 10.
Height	With 500 pound
	cross-country
Cargo Body (Inside):	load: 1125 lb.
Jamesth Grant In.	with 750 pound
ieni, cn	highway load: 1375 lb.
Jenyth	Ittorinay road
Height	

Figure 1 - S18-001-159-2330-64-5P/ORD-61: Characteristics of XM416El Trailer.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

After the standardization of TRUCK, UTILITY: 1/4-ton, 4x4, M151, there arose a requirement for a compatible 1/4-ton trailer. The TRAILER, CARGO: 1/4-ton, 2-wheel, M100, which was developed to be towed by the M38 truck, was not compatible with the M151 truck in that differences existed in wheel tread, wheel design, pintle and lunette height, and in provision for safety chains and intervehicular cable. One M100 trailer was modified by increasing the wheel tread to 53-1/4 inches, providing for two lunette-height positions, and increasing wheel clearance under the fenders. This trailer was designated M100C and was tested for compatibility with the M151 truck by the United States Army Armor Board (Reference 1). The M100C trailer was found to be lacking in compatibility because of interference of the storage box on the trailer with the intervehicular cable receptacle, and the lack of interchangeability of the wheels.

The XM416El trailer was developed from the M100C to eliminate the deficiencies of the M100C, and to be fully compatible with the M151 truck.

#### 2. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

The XM416El trailer (Figure 1) was developed from the MLOO and is quite similar to it. The more pertinent differences of the XM416El are as follows:

- a. The wheel tread is 52-3/4 inches instead of 48 inches.
- b. The wheels are the same as those used on the M.51 truck.
- c. The fenders have been raised and are trapezoidal in design instead of round.
- d. A two-position lunette bracket is used.
- e. There is no storage box on the front of the trailer body.
- f. The safety chains are longer and have safety hooks instead of grab hooks.
- g. The intervehicular cable is longer.
- h. There is provision in the wiring harness for direction-signal lamps.
- i. The body is made of 950 steel instead of low-carbon steel.

#### 3. DETAILS OF TEST

#### 3.1 Procedure and Results

- 3.1.1 <u>Initial Inspection</u>. Initial inspection disclosed no deficiencies. The spring-clip muts and body bolts required tightening. Shortly after initial inspection it was noted that the paint was peeling off (Deficiency No. 1, page B-1).
- 3.2 <u>Miscellaneous Engineering Tests</u>. General-view photographs were taken and a characteristics photograph was prepared (Figure 1 and Appendix C).

The weight distribution (1b) was found to be as follows:

	Empty	With 475-lb Payload
Left wheel	260	495
Right wheel	255	505
Landing leg	110	100
Total weight	625	1100

With 475-pound payload, lunette reaction at 18-1/2 inches was 110 pounds.

The physical dimensions are shown in the sketch on page D-3.

The center of gravity of the empty trailer was found to be 23 inches above ground level and 41-1/2 inches forward of the rear edge of the cargo body.

The trailer with 500-pound payload was towed up and down various slopes up to and including the 40% slope. The M151 truck was able to handle the trailer on these slopes without difficulty. Stopping the train while descending a 40% slope is tricky. Since the trailer does not have service brakes, all forward force of the trailer must be impeded by the truck, and therefore the train is easily jackknifed.

The trailer was stable on the 30% side slope.

The trailer was towed up and down the 20° ramp with sharp approach and crest. No interference was encountered.

The trailer with 500-pound load was floated in water for 20 minutes. Approximately one pint of water leaked through the drain valve. This test was conducted after cross-country operation and the seat of the drain valve was dirty.

The trailer was towed in short-radii circles and was jackknifed to check the length of the safety chains and intervehicular cable. There was sufficient slack in the chains and cable. The cable appeared to be particularly well situated (being mounted on the right drawbar rail just to the rear of the lunette, and pointed slightly upward) to reduce the possibility of pinching between the drawbar and tumperettes when the train was jackknifed. At times when passing over humps and bumps the safety chains droop sufficiently to drag the ground. However, this must be tolerated, since the full length of chain is necessary to prevent binding when jackknifing.

Throughout the test the drivers and the project engineer observed that the trailer tracked well and there was no complaint of its lack of ability to follow the M151 truck. No 'dog tracking' was experienced during the test.

With cross-country payload, the perking brakes held, both uphill and downhill, on a 15% slope.

With cross-country payload, resistance to towing was found to average 20 pounds between 20 and 30 mph. This determination was made on a smooth, level, paved road.

3.1.3 <u>Durability Test</u>. The trailer was towed a total of 6479 miles in the durability test. M151 trucks were used as prime movers for all of this mileage. Mileage breakdown is as follows:

		Mileage	
Course	Empty	500-1b Load	750-1b Load
Paved road	51	318	2000
Gravel road	-	1433	
Belgian block	50	627	
Perryman cross-country	•	1400	
Churchville cross-country	-	600	
Total	101	4378	2000

During the period this vehicle was tested, the weather included much rain and snow. The cross-country courses were muddy most of the time, except during the early part of the test when they were frozen. The trailer withstood operation on the frozen course satisfactorily. When the level cross-country course was muddy, care was taken to drive on hardpan to avoid becoming mired. No difficulty was experienced with the tracking of the trailer. When operating on the hilly cross-country course in mud, the M151 truck and the trailer slipped in and out of existing ruts which had been made by wider vehicles. Driver care was required when descending slippery, muddy slopes to prevent the train from jackknifing, sirce the trailer does not have service brakes.

As previously noted, the paint started peeling off the trailer before the durability test was started. As the test progressed more paint came off until at the end of the test about 80% of the paint and undercoating was off. Since the primer came off with the paint, it is believed that the difficulty was caused by improper preparation of the steel surfaces. After 2000 test miles, the undercoat on the bottom of the trailer came off in sheets (see Deficiency Record No. 1, page B-1). After the test all paint was removed, and the trailer was repainted.

Most difficulty during the test concerned the suspension system. The suspension system is essentially the same as used on the M100 and World War II 1/4-ton trailers. These same problems were experienced when towing these trailers on muddy terrain. The presence of mud in the spring pivot bolt bushings caused rapid wear of the bushings and pivot bolts, as shown in Figures 2 and 3 (see also Deficiency Record No. 3, page B-3). The spring clips became loose and permitted the leaves to fan. Several times the spring packs were straightened, the spring clip nuts tightened, and the spring rebound clips tightened. (Deficiency Record No. 4, page B-4). The springs also had a tendency to work on the shackles (called U bolts). By 3885 test miles the lower left



Figure 2: Wear of Left Spring Pivot Bolt and Bushing in 3617 Test Miles.



Figure 3: Wear of Right Spring Pivot Bolt and Bushing in 3617 Test Miles.

shackle bearing wore into the spring eye. The left spring assembly and left spring shackle were replaced. At the end of the test, it was noted that the front end of the second leaf of the left spring was broken off. This was caused by the pinching of the spring leaf by the spring hanger. The last incident cannot be considered a deficiency since it involved a replacement spring.

At 1830 test miles the right wheel bearing became loose. Dirt was found in the bearing; it had entered through a cut seal. The seal was replaced and the bearings were packed with fresh grease. This was not considered a deficiency since wheel bearing seals are frequently cut by draggi: across the spindle threads. While the hubs were off the trailer at 1830 test miles, all wheel studs were replaced by corrected studs as requested by the manufacturer. At the final inspection water was found in the hubs. This water had entered around the hub caps when the trailer was floated (see Deficiency Record No. 6, page B-6).

At 1484 test miles it was noted that the center body floor stiffener tore loose at each end. This was merely the breaking of tack welds which were inadequate (see Deficiency Record No. 2, page B-2, and Figure 4).



Figure 4: Left End of Body Floor-Stiffener Torn Loose from Floor. Appearance of Right End Was Similar.

After 5687 test miles the support leg pin became frozen due to rust. Part of the operation was on snow-covered courses and the salts used to melt snow accelerated the rusting of the pin (see Deficiency Record No. 5, page B-5). At the same time it was noted that the safety catch on the left safety chain was lost (see Deficiency Record No. 7, page B-7).

At the final inspection it was noted that the brake lining was worn beyond the rivet heads. Although the brakes are only parking brakes, sufficient mud entered them to abrade their lining (see Deficiency Record No. 8, page B-8).

- 3.1.4 Final Inspection. After the durability test: final inspection was performed. Items relating to the deficiencies encountered in the durability phase were discussed in the preceding paragraphs. The following additional items were noted in the final inspection:
  - a. All lamps functioned satisfactorily.
  - b. The cover on the intervehicular cable was torn loose. This could have been caused by careless handling, and is not a problem peculiar to the XM416E1.
  - c. There was snubbing action in the shock absorbers.

After the final inspection, all necessary repairs were made. The remaining original paint was removed and the trailer was properly repainted.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

With exception of the deficiencies noted, the durability of the trailer was generally satisfactory.

Performance of the trailer, when towed by an M151 truck, was satisfactory and the trailer is fully compatible with this truck.

Wear of the suspension components and brake linings was accelerated by operation in mud.

Failure of the paint was the result of improper preparation of the steel surface:

#### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon correction of the deficiencies listed, the XM416El trailer should be considered acceptable for military use.

A study should be made to develop suspension hardware, such as spring shackles, pivot pins, and related items, with greater resistance to wear during operation in muddy conditions.

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#### REFERENCE

United States Army Armor Board Report No. 2063, "Evaluation of Trailer, Cargo, 1/4-ton, 2-wheel, MlOOC," dated 6 April 1960.

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SUBJECT:

Test Directive for Engineering Test of Trailer, Cargo, 1/4 ton, 2 wheel, XXX16E1

TO:

Commanding General
Abordeen Proving Ground
Attn: CRDEG-DPS-TU
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1. Four TRAILERS, CARGO: cargo, 1/4 ten, 2 wheel, XM416El, were developed under Department of the Army project number 546-07-017 (CMS 5510.12.227). In conformance with agreement made in May 1960 by representatives of CRD, USCCHARC, CCO and CTAC the four subject trailers have been delivered to test locations. One each vehicle is at Aberdeen Proving Ground for engineering test, the USA Armor Board and the USA Arctic Test Board for user tests and Detroit Arsenal for maintenance evaluation. Decision to conduct concurrent engineering and user tests was made due to the urgent requirement for a companion trailer for the TMTCA, UTILITY: 1/4 ton, 4x4. M151 now in production. Tests are scheduled for completion by 1 Mar 1961 and final reports are desired by 1 April 1961 in order to allow type classification in fourth quarter of FM 61.

#### 2. Test Requirements:

- a. General: Subject trailer has been developed for use with the TRUCK, UTILITY: 1/4 ton, 4x4, M151, and testing of the trailer is intended to determine its compatibility with and suitability for use with the M151. Further, this testing should determine adequacy of design and construction of the XM416E1 trailer.
  - b. Prime Mover: Truck, Utility, 1/4-ton, 4x4, 1951
- c. Payloads: When loaded for test purposes, the trailer shall have a uniformly distributed payload with center of gravity compatible with center of gravity of average density cargo, of 500 pounds for cross-country operations, and 750 pounds for highway operation.

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- d. Test Procedures: In conformance with OPM 60-145 dated 11 May 1960, Group A. Special observation is requested for the following:
- (1) Ability of wheel stude and nuts to maintain proper torque.
  - (2) Adequacy of length and suitability of safety chains.
- (3) Tracking ability with M151 truck, and general adequacy and performance with this prime mover.
- (4) Suitability and functioning of intervehicular jumper cable.

#### e. Reports Desired:

- (1) OPM 60-20, Deficiency Reports
- (2) OPM 60-390, Formal Report
- (3) OPM 60-391, Memorandum Reports: Preferably at two-week intervals.
- f. Full photographic coverage (Sec. 9, OPM 60-395), including appropriate motion pictures effectively illustrating vehicle operation, suspension action, and other pertinent features. Prints and copies of motion picture film should be furnished OTAC at earliest practicable date.
- 3. Requirement for formal test plan (Sec 3, OPM 60-395) is waived due to urgency of completing test within time scheduled, comparative simplicity of the item being tested and the definitive description of desired test procedures by the OPM references listed herein. The proposed test procedure is not intended to limit or restrict your installation in conduct of the test. Recommended changes and deviations desired may be made to this office for approval and incorporated in the test when approved.
- 4. Detailed descriptive data and parts information will be forwarded directly to your installation by OTAC under separate cover.

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5. This is your authority to initiate test using fund resources available to your installation under OAS Code 5510.12.227A.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE:

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Chief, Arty & Veh Sys Br
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CG, USCCNARC
Attn: ATDEV-2

#### APPENDIX B

#### Deficiency Records

		DATE	22 Mar 61
DEPICIENCY NO.	1	ENGINEER:	P.Laichinger
ITEM UNDER TES	TRAILER, CARGO: 1	ton, 2 wheel, XM41	6E1
V BHICLE TYPE	Cart Type Trailer	REG. NO.	. 6D3964
DATE OF INCIDE	мт: <u>17 Jan - 23 Feb 61</u>	ODGMETER:	PART MILEAGE: 0-2000
MAJOR:	MINOR: X	DESIGN:	MANUPACTURING:X
INLGRP	NOMENÇLA	TURE	PART NO.
32	Paint and Undercoat		
Synopsis:	Before the vehicle was paint was flaking off. the paint chips. It is under the paint and pully 2000 miles, the under	There was primer of possible to slip a l off pieces. Afte	n the back of knife blade r approximate-
Cause:	The primcrdoes not adhe steel surfaces were not		
Action:	None. The trailer will test.		oletion of the

		DATE	22 Mar 61
DEFICIENCY NO.	2	ENGINEER:	P. Jaichinger
TEM UNDER TER	TRAILER, CARGO: 1-	Ton. 2 Wheel. XM416	SE1
V RHICLE TYPE	Cart type trailer	REG. NO.	6D8964
DATE OF INCIDE	21 February 1961	ODOMETER:	PART MILEAGE: 1484
MAJOR:	MINOR: X	DESION:	MARUPACTURING: X
INL GRP	NOMENCLA	TURE	PART NO.
18	Body floor stiffener		
Synopsis:	The center body stiffer	er is tearing loose	at each end.
Cause:	Not known at this time	•	
Action:	No repair has been made will be observed through		

		DATE:	22 Mar 61
DEFICIENCY NO.	3	ENGINEER: P	. Laichinger
ITEM UNDER TE	TRAILER, CARGO: 1 Ton,	2 Wheel, XM416El	
V BRICLE TYPE:	Cart type trailer	REG. NG.:	6D8964
DATE OF INCIDE	NT 27 Feb - 8 Mar 61	ODOMETER: PA	2005
MAJOR:	MINOR: X DEE	10N: X	AANUPACTURING:
INL GRP	NOMENCLATURE		PART NO.
16 1 <b>6</b>	Bolt, pivot Bearing, bushing type, pivo	t bolt	7328328 7328366
Synopsis:	At odometer 2065, 1t appear were worn. At odometer 361 and found to be severely wowere also worn.	17, the pivot bolt	s were removed
Cause:	During this period, 1363 mi The courses were muddy. All lubricated frequently mud e accelerated wear.	lthough pivot pins	were
Action:	The pivot bolts and bearing	as were replaced.	

			DATE:	22 Mar 6	1
DEFICIENCY NO	: 4	ENG	INK BR:_	P.laiching	er
TEM UNDER TE	TRAILER, CARGO:	1 Ton, 2 Wheel,	XM416	El	
BHICLE TYPE	Cart Type Trailer	?	EG. NO.		
ATE OF INCIDE	NT: 27 Feb - 10 Mar 61	ODOMETER:	·	PART MILEAGE:_	2065 3885
MAJOR:	MINOR: X	DESION: X		MANUPACTURIN	ı a :
SNL GRP	NOMEN	LATURE		PART N	0
16 16	Bolt, "U" LH thd. Spring, assembly			737109	00
Synopsis:	On several occasions fanned. The spring of pack straightened, are the springs also had which are called "U" wore into the spring	clips were loose nd the spring cl a tendency to w bolts. The low	ned, the ips tips ork on	he spring ghtened. the shackle	es earing
Cause:	This is a common defings in the shackle p	open "U" bolt t	ype sh	ackle. Loos	nd ie-
Action:	The left spring asser		t spri	ng shackle	

	DATE: 4 Apr 61	_
DEFICIENCY NO	5 ENGINEER: P.Laichinger	
	TRAILER, CARGO: 1 Ton, 2 Wheel, XM416E1	
	Cart type trailer NEG NO. 6D8964	_
	NT: 20 Mar 1961 ODOMETER PART MILEAGE 5687	7
MAJOR.	MINOR: X DESIGN: MANUPACTURING:	
SNLGRP	NOMENCLATURE PART NO.	_
15	Pin, support leg	
Synopsis:	The support leg pin became frozen due to rust.	
Cause:	Much of the operation has been on muddy and snow covered courses. Salt and calcium chloride used to melt ice on roads accelerated rusting.	
Action:	The pin was freed and cleaned during final inspection.	

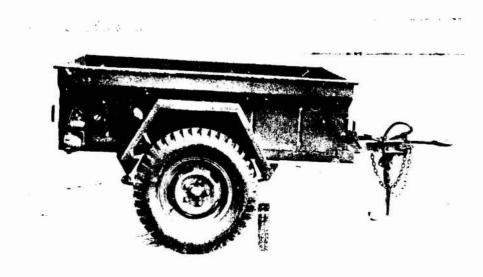
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DEFICIENCY NO	6	ENGINEER:	P. Laichinger
ITEM UNDER TI	TRAILER, CARGO: 1	Ton, 2 Wheel, XM416	El
V BRICLE TYPE	Cart type trailer	REG. NO.:	6D8964
DATE OF INCID	ENT: 28 Mar 61	ODGMETER:P	ART MILPAGE: 6474
MAJOR:	MINOR: X	DESIGN.	HANV PACTURING: X
141-041	HOMENCLAT	URB	PART NO.
13	Caps, hub		
Synopsis:	During final inspection, The trailer had previousl	water was found in y been floated.	the hubs.
Cause:	The water had leaked in p gasket, "O" ring, or seal		
Action:	The wheel bearings were c	leaned and repacked	l.

4 Apr 61
P.Laichinger
El
6D8964
ART MILEAGE: 5687
MANUFACTURING: X
PART NO.
ook was lost.

		DATE:	4 Apr 61
DEPICIENCY NO	8	ENGINEER:	P.Laichinger
TEM UNDER TE	TRAILER, CARGO:	1 Ton, 2 Wheel, XM416	El
V BNICLE TYPE	Cart type trailer	REG. NO.	6D8964
DATE OF INCID	ENT: 28 Mar 61	GDOMETER:	PART MILEAGE: 6474
MAJOR:	MINOR: X	D TOTON: X	MANUFACTURING:
INL GRO	NOMENÇ	LATURE	PART NO.
12	Lining, Brake		
Synopsis:	The brake lining was worn past the rivet heads.		
Cause:	Most of the off-road of brakes are only parking them to abrade the lin	g brakes, sufficient	
Action:	The brakes were reline	d at final inspection	•

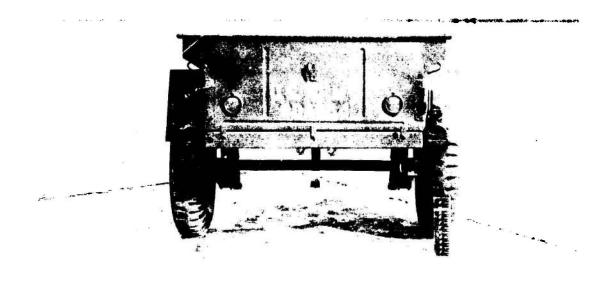


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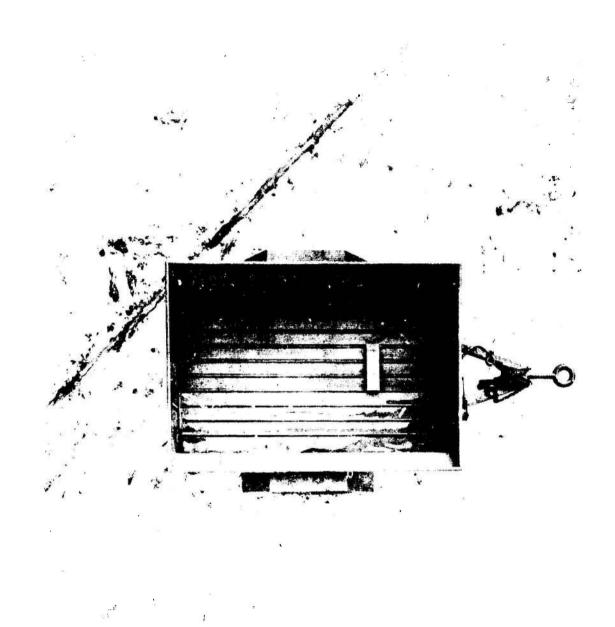


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S18-001-157-2330-64-3P/ORD-61: Trailer, Cargo, 1/4-Ton, 2-Wheel, XM416El. Top: Front View. Bottom: Rear View.



\$18-001-158-2330-64-4P/ORD-61: Trailer, Cargo, 1/4-Ton, 2-Wheel, XM416El. Top View.

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#### AT RELEW PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND

#### AUTOMOTIVE ENGIRER RING LADDRATORY REPORT

PROJECT NO: 227 A0/171

DATE: 16 February 1961

REPORT NO: 61-13

#### PERFORMANCE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TRAILER,

CARGO: TWO WHEEL, 1 TON, XM416EL USA REG NO. 6D8964

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#### INCLOSURES

1 Sketch No. 61-13-1

#### 1. In ANDLUCTION

#### 1.1 Object

To determine basic performance and physical characteristics of Trailer, Cases, 2 Mesel, 1 Ton, 19416KN USA Reg No. 608964.

#### 2. RESULTS

#### 2.1 General

The center of gravity location was:

- a. Vertically 23 inches from ground level and 7 inches from center line of whoel.
  - b. Horizontally from rear edge of cargo bed 412 inches.

The parking brake held the trailer on the 15% longitudinal slope in both the forward and reverse direction.

Individual wheel loading with and without payload was as follows:

	w/o Payload	v/Payload
Left Wheel	260	495
Right Wheel	255	505
Landing Lag	110	100
total weight	- 1bs 625	1100

With a pintle height of 18 inches and with the required payload. The force on the trailer pintle was 110 pounds.

An average of 20 pounds drawbar pull was required to tow the loaded trailer from road speeds of 20 to 30 mph.

Physical dimensions and center of gravity location are presented on Sketch No. 61-13-1.

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Physical Directions and Center of Gravity All Directions in Inches

